



The Palmetto Partisan

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The Departed

Real Son Jacob Fox Strait Jr. — died July 2nd. Son of Dr. Strait Sr. Co. A, 6th SC Vol. & Co. H, 24th SC Vol. RS Strait was a veteran of WWII, surveyor, engineer and reenacted with the Palmetto Light Artillery. Battery White provided an honor guard and Marvin Nicholson, 54th Mass attended graveside ceremonies.

The sudden death (July 12th.) of Commander Thomas. G. Quarles, Sr., of the BG Martin W. Gary Camp #1532 Edgefield, has sadden many. Cdr. Quarles was a Navy Veteran, Mason and Shriner.

International Convention

14 camps from SC represented the division. Constitutional amendments are as follows:

From Headquarters

New member recording fee increased to \$5.

Dues will increase to \$20.

Dues to be paid by Feb. 1st of each year.



"Lest we forget..."

Preserving South Carolina's Historic Cemeteries
Wednesday 29 October 1997
S.C. State Museum, Columbia
Registration fee is \$25

Spend a day with historians and experts in the field of studying historic cemeteries. Discover the history in stones from the Lowcountry to the upstate. Uncover the significance of traditional graveyard symbols and landscape design. Learn how to carefully preserve and restore historic cemeteries in your community. Attendees will

have the privilege of viewing the premiere of "Lest We Forget: Preserving Historic Cemeteries," a practical guide to cemetery preservation. The S.C. Department of Archives and History and S.C. Educational Television produced this new video presentation.

S.C. History Day
P.O. Box 11669
Columbia SC 29211

Call for information: 803-734-8560

ANV Meeting

Commander R.G. Wilson hosted the semi-annual meeting of the Army of Northern Virginia in Upstate SC, on Sept. 27th.

Division Staff Meeting

Commander Chris Sullivan hosted a division staff meeting on Sept. 28th. In Lexington, SC

Information from both of these meetings will be forthcoming to division leadership.

Division Report

Division Status – 2100 members, 43 camps.

Cdr. Sullivan request all camps submit a list of awards the camp or camp members have received over the past millenium.

Cdr. Dennis Todd, past adjutant of the Division is named Chief of Staff for the SC Division.

CoS Todd has sent out a camp information package to all Staff Members, Camp Commanders and Adjutants see copy of letter.

Nearly all camps held a family affair picnic or BBQ.

New camp being formed in Summerville, if you have a prospective member, relative there contact

Brigade #1

Greenville – 16th. SC the 16th. Regimental flag will return to Greenville to be displayed at the 16th. Regt. Museum of Confederate History. The Library in the Museum has been dedicated in honor of our friend and Compatriot Vance Drawdy.

Camp hosted the SC Social Studies Teachers Association Convention at a reception in the Museum.

Anderson – Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp, the camp library continues to grow with private donations of books and materials. Have videos of 8 camp meeting programs available for loan or purchase.

Donated pictures of RE Lee to Honea Path schools. Donated original petitions for membership in the Palmetto Riflemen and photo of to Pendleton District Historical Commission.

Pickens – Pickens/2nd SC Camp will be holding its annual Old South Social, Dec. 6th. at Table Rock State Park.

Abbeville – Olde Abbeville Camp, conducting raffle for "Fort Sumter Under Attack"

Brigade #2

Bennettsville – Marlboro Camp #835 rechartered on Sept. 25th, 1997. Cdr. Patrick Coxé Commanding.

West Springs – Gist Camp participated in local Independence Day Celebration and the NC coon Dog Days, and are starting to plan for the Battle of Rose Hill.

Chester – Walker Gaston Camp held a dinner theatre – *A World Kicked to Pieces*: Mary Boykin Chesnut on Love and War

Rock Hill – Micah Jenkins Camp, donating books to the library. Assisting Eagle Scout prospective whose project is to restore 70 UDC grave crosses of honor. Camp has also conducted field trips to Virginia and is planning one to Sharpsburg.

Brigade #3

Aiken – Joe Wheeler Camp will begin Adopt a Parkway on Richland Ave.

Bee Camp plans for the 133rd Anniversary Battle of Aiken. Working the Aiken, JC Fair for information and recruiting.

Leesville – Quattlebaum Camp holds memorial for Gen. Paul Quattlebaum with the 13th. SC Vols. Cemetery Committee cleaning on a regular basis. Raised money for projects by raffling a utility trailer.

Columbia – Hampton Camp, Div. Cdr. Sullivan present War Service Medals.

Lexington – 15th. SC Camp held its annual garage sale.

North Augusta – Benson Camp, Cmpt. Steve Longcrier appointed to GA Civil War Commission, congrats. Held 3rd. SD Lee Banquet 9/26/97.

Brigade #4

Sumter – Beauregard Camp held graveside ceremonies for Pvt. Sinneith & Sgt. Broadway.

Brigade #5

Moncks Corner – Capers Camp Memorial Day activities were a huge success, with special thanks to Billy Rivers for the food. Camp library is in the process of being organized.

Rivers Bridge – Rivers Bridge Camp participated in the Hampton Co. Watermelon Fest. and held a clean up day for the Hwy. 641 Boat Landing.

Barnwell – Duncan Camp, will be assisting on Nov. 2nd. a grave dedication for Pvt. Henry Creech, Co. H, 17th. Regt. And

Pvt. Robert a. Harrison, Co. F, 3rd. Regt. SC Cav. At the Allen's chapel Baptist Church. Will hold it's first Lee-Jackson Banquet this year at the Winton Inn in Barnwell

Brigade #6

Charleston - Secession Camp, associate member Dr. Kogan has donated a collection of miniature soldiers depicting the various uniforms of the WBTS to the Citadel's Daniel Library.

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Up-Coming Events

Battle of Secessionville at Boone Hall Plantation, Nov 8 & 9.

International Awards

Jefferson Davis Chalice
Patrick J. Griffin, III

Robert E. Lee Gold Award
Frank B. Powell, III (also MacDonald Plaque winner)
Allen Trapp, Jr.
John C. Perry

S. A. Cunningham Award:
Camp Newsletter over 50
The General's Orders
Gen. Joseph E. Johnston Camp #28
Nashville, Tennessee
M. Ty Pryor, Editor

Paul Jon Miller Award:
Camp Newsletter under 50
The Chickamauga
Gen. Ben Hardin Helm Camp #1703
Elizabethtown, Kentucky
Joey Oller, Editor

Dewitt Smith Jobe Award:
Division Newsletter
Alabama Confederate
Alabama Division
Fairhope, Alabama
Perry Outlaw, Editor

Judah P. Benjamin Award
Camp Scrapbook over 50 members
W. D. Mitchell Camp #163
Thomasville, GA.

Dr. B. H. Webster Award
Camp Scrapbook under 50 members
Gen. James Longstreet Camp #1289, East Point, GA

Dr. George R. Tabor Award
Distinguished Camp
Winner - Ike Turner Camp #1275, Livingston, TX

Honorable Mention
1. Stephen R. Mallory Camp #1315, Pensacola, FLA.
2. Sharpsburg Sharpshooters Camp #1729, Sharpsburg, GA
3. Gen. Robert E. Lee Camp #803, Sanford, NC

Commanders Corner

You may have noticed press reports that the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles has relented under legal pressure from the SCV and will now authorize SCV license tags.

Our respect and congratulations go out to our Tarheel Compatriots for sticking to their guns and not giving in to bureaucratic pressure.

As far as our getting license tags here in South Carolina the situation is a little different. Specialty tags in SC require the approval of both houses of the legislature not just the Highway Dept.

The necessary approval was granted in the House last year but a lone member, Ralph Anderson a black Senator from Greenville, was able to hold up the bill in the Senate. It is our expectation that the necessary approval will be achieved next year.

Confederate Relic Room

As many of you are aware the Confederate Relic Room has been in sad shape over the last few years. Fortunately, the legislature has recently undertaken several measures to rectify the problem.

First, they have appropriated several thousand dollars to fund the restoration of the sixty-some-odd Battleflags in the collection. We have an excellent collection of flags in

the museum and they are in desperate need of repair.

Part of the problem has been the management of the museum. The UDC ladies started collecting Confederate artifacts around the turn of the century. They asked the legislature to provide a space for the collection and it was eventually housed in the World War I Memorial building on the USC campus.

However, over the years the UDC items have been commingled with the rest of the collection and no one knows where the one begins and the other ends. Another problem has been that the management of the facility has been in governmental limbo.

These problems have now been solved. The CRR has been brought under the direct control of the State Budget & Control Board. The Board has ordered a complete audit of the facility and the collections. Also a provision has been made to create an oversight committee and this committee will include UDC and SCV representation.

The Board has begun the process of selecting a new Executive Director. As a part of this process the UDC President and myself were asked to serve on the review committee.

Over 80 people applied for the position including several of our own Compatriots. While Dr. Luther Carter of the Board will make the final decision, I am

confident that we will be well served by the decision.

Hunley

The effort to raise and restore the C.S.S. Hunley continues. The Commission is in the process of soliciting proposals for the salvage and conservation efforts as well as locating a suitable place for the vessel to reside.

Also, we are creating a Hunley Foundation, which will seek private donations for the 10 - 15 million dollars necessary for the project.

National Convention

If you missed this year's General Reunion of the SCV in Nashville, Tennessee you missed a great time. Our Division was well represented, with several Division members being honored for their work in our recent heritage battle.

The rest of the Confederation looks to South Carolina with great admiration for the fortitude and steadfastness, which you men displayed, in the recent unpleasantness. Of particular note was the standing ovation, which our own R.G. Wilson received as a result of his report as Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia.

Request for information

Barry E. Hollingsworth

P.O. Box 1067

Flat Rock, N.C. 28731-1067

has started a project within his camp [Camp 71, Pickens] of locating the graves of Vets of

War for Southern Ind. in Pickens Co. and would like to do this state wide. He will catalog the names and burial sites of these men on record sheets as well as disk. He needs, Name, Rank, Regt. Company, DOB, DOD, Wives name [if known] and Cemetery Name, Location and directions to it.

Chief of Staff - Dennis Todd

The following information has been sent to Division Leaders:

Directory of the Division, with names, addresses, phone numbers, meeting times and places.

SC Div. Constitution

Awards Program Booklet

Speakers List

Adjutant Operation Procedures

SC Guardian Application & Criteria

Outstanding Camp Award Form

HL Hunley, submerged drawing

Bill Bushall
P.O. Box 1212
Jackson, S.C. 29831

September 2, 1997

Dear Mr. Bushall,

The Confederate Museum in Charleston is usually located at the corner of Market & Meeting in Market Hall Charleston, S.C. This facility was severely damaged during Hurricane Hugo and the museum is temporarily located at 34 Pitt Street in the Marion Hanckel Kindergarten Building Charleston, S.C. This location is a little difficult to find but the contents are worth the effort.

There is a gift shop at the museum if you would like a keepsake of your visit. All of the relics in the museum are genuine and include military and civilian relics of The War Between The States. Some of the items on display are:

The South Carolina Secession Flag

The first and last Confederate Flags to fly over Fort Sumter

Hair from both President Jefferson Davis and Robert E. Lee

Many uniforms and other cloth items

Historic and beautiful quilts

Guns and swords

Cooking and household items

A soldier's handcarved wooden tombstone.

The museum is open on Saturday from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. The telephone number is (803) 723-1541.


Recently General Ellison Capers Camp #1212 donated some much needed office furniture to the museum. Items such as book shelves and filing cabinets which will be used to house some of the research material that is still packed in boxes since Hurricane Hugo. Camp members also keep the grass cut and the grounds looking good for the ladies of the UDC.

United Daughters of the Confederacy Chapter #4 is anxiously waiting for work to begin on Market Hall and the return of the museum to that location. Many relics which were displayed when the museum was located in Market Hall are too large to be displayed in the current location.

South Carolina Division Sons of Confederate Veterans

Christopher M. Sullivan, Commander
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Memorandum

To: Division Leaders
From: SC DIV COM C. Sullivan 
Re: Division Activities

I wanted to give you a brief update on some of our activities in the past few months.

Legislative Action

As you are well aware the legislature dealt with several issue of concern to the SCV this year. The primary issue of course was the continued flying of the Confederate Battleflag. Despite Gov. Beasley's best efforts, the Republican controlled House of Representatives soundly rejected a plan to remove the flag. I would especially like to congratulate House Speaker David Wilkins (R - Greenville) for his strong stand in support of our heritage.

Other issues of concern included a proposal to create an SCV license tag was approved by the House but failed in the Senate. This bill is likely to come up next year. If you have any questions contact Heritage Chairman Ed. Walker.

Statutory protection for monuments to South Carolina veterans of all wars was introduced by Representative Dan Cooper (R - Anderson), an SCV member. A Senate bill was introduced by Robert Ford (D- Charleston) giving protection only to Confederate and civil rights monuments. This bill would have also made Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday and Confederate Memorial Day mandatory state holidays. The Senate version was unacceptable to the House committee.

Confederate Memorial Day

Confederate Memorial Day was a big success this year. Turnout was excellent considering the conditions. Despite torrential rains a large crowd of about six hundred participated in this annual commemoration of our Confederate ancestors. If you weren't able to attend I hope you will make a special effort to do so next year.

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Camp officers should take note that the convention acted (over the objections of myself and others) to raise the costs of membership. GHQ now charges new members \$25.00 and renewing members \$20.00.

Hunley Update

The effort to bring the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley home is well underway. I am happy to report that the corrosion reports are finished and the results are very positive. The Hunley Commission is organizing a foundation to raise the 10 - 15 million dollars necessary for the project.

Staff Appointments

It is my pleasure to announce some additions to our Division Staff. Dennis Todd will be assuming the duties of Chief-of-Staff from Cmdr. Wilson. Cmdr. Wilson has asked to be relieved so he can concentrate on the growing demands of the ANV.

Steve Longcrier of the Barry Bentson Camp has accepted the post of Historian. Compatriot Longcrier takes over for Wade Hampton Dorsey. Please remember Cmt. Dorsey and his family in your prayers as his new born daughter undergoes complicated surgery to correct a cleft pallet.

As Historian, Cmt. Longcrier will be working to update our Division history. He will be calling on each Camp to contribute information to this project so be ready.

Howard Hughes, past commander of the Wade Hampton Camp, has agreed to serve as Inspector.

Address Change

Please note the correct address on the top of this letterhead. Please send all SCV related correspondence, newsletters, etc. to this address. Thank you.

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When was the last time you brought a guest to a camp meeting?
When was the last time you visited a grave of a Confederate Soldier?
When was the last time you spent a little time helping a camp fundraiser?
When was the last time you visited another camp?
When was the last time you went to an SCV Convention?
When was the last time you toured or visited a Confederate Landmark?

Take a little time and get involved in SCV projects, participate in camp activities,
be a part of the greatest heritage in the world.

Important Dates

April 3-5, 1998 State Reunion, Laurens, SC
May 2, 1998 State Wide Confederate Memorial Day, Columbia, SC
August 5-8, 1998 International Reunion, St. Louis, Missouri